

*Statement Of The Substance Of The Interview*

On May 01, 2007, Thomas E. Lees, on behalf of the applicants, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Termanini. Thanks to the Examiner once again, for his time and consideration during the telephone interview. No demonstrations were utilized. Additionally, no exhibits were transmitted to the Examiner. An unofficial proposed claim amendment was transmitted along with the request for interview, which was submitted on April 26, 2007.

During the interview, the visual display system disclosed in the primary reference cited in the Office action, U.S. Pat. No. 6,583,794 to Wattenberg, was compared and contrasted with the method of displaying data from a data set as a tree map visualization as claimed in claim 1 of the present application. The applicants pointed out that Wattenberg does not teach or suggest any manner in which the disclosed “highlight feature” provided as part of the “Find Control 904” is implemented. The Examiner agreed with the applicants’ arguments that Wattenberg fails to teach the use of saturation for highlighting in a tree map visualization but maintained his position with regard to the rejection of the claims in a manner substantially as set out in the Office action. The thrust of the remainder of the applicants arguments during the interview are as substantially set out in the Arguments/Remarks section of this paper. No agreement was reached regarding the claims.